

**American Progress by John Gast**

* ***What’s going on in this painting?***
* ***Compare and contrast the left side of the painting with the right side of the painting being sure to address the following areas: transportation, color, people, land, sky, animals, technology, emotions.***
* ***Which direction is everyone moving in the painting? Why? What does this represent?***
* ***Only one group of people look back in this painting. Who is it, and why are they looking back?***
* ***Who is the woman in the center? What is she doing? What is she holding? What might she symbolize?***
* ***What is the meaning or message of this painting?***
* ***What does this painting teach us about the people in 19th century America? How do you think this painting summed up the ideas and thoughts of the people at the time?***